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**DoD/FEA's Notice of Filing Reply Brief** 

Re:

Docket Nos. E-01345A-10-0394; E-01345A-12-0290; E-01933A-12-0296;

E-04204A-12-0297 (Consolidated)

Dear Clerk:

Please find attached hereto the U.S. Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies' ("DoD/FEA") Reply Brief in the above captioned consolidated matter, together with thirteen (13) copies of same.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter. Please call if there are any problems or if any further action is needed. I can be reached at (703) 693 – 1274 or by email at kyle.j.smith124.civ@mail.mil.

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## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE	DOCKET NO. E-01345A-10-0394
COMPANY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF	
UPDATED GREEN POWER RATE SCHEDULE GPS-	
1, GPS-2, AND GPS-3.	
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	DOCKET NO. E-01345A-12-0290
ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR	
APPROVAL OF ITS 2013 RENEWABLE ENERGY	
STANDARD IMPLEMENTATION FOR RESET OF	
RENEWABLE ENERGY ADJUSTOR.	
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	
TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR	
APPROVAL OF ITS 2013 RENEWABLE ENERGY	
STANDARD IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND	DOCKET NO. E-01933A-12-0296
DISTRIBUTED ENERGY ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN	
AND REQUEST FOR RESET OF ITS RENEWABLE	
ENERGY ADJUSTOR.	
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UNS	DOCKET NO. E-04204A-12-0297
ELECTIC, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2013	
RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD	
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND DISTRIBUTED	
ENERGY ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN AND	
REQUEST FOR RESET OF ITS RENEWABLE	
ENERGY ADJUSTOR.	

# THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND ALL OTHER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES' REPLY BRIEF

The United States Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies ("DoD/FEA") reiterates its opposition to any policy that would result in double counting. Arizona Public Service Company ("APS"), Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP"), UNS Electric, Inc. ("UNS"), and Staff all appear to support Staff's proposal. While Staff does not believe its proposal results in double counting, there is uncertainty surrounding this issue. So long as Staff's proposal can be implemented in a manner that does not result

in double counting, with a clearly stated, unambiguous intent for same, DoD/FEA does not oppose Staff's proposal. The Center for Resource Solutions ("CRS") should, however, be consulted with prior to the adoption of any policy to ensure that the wording of the policy is sufficient to avoid any double counting problems.

As explained in greater detail in DoD/FEA's initial Brief, if the Commission adopts a policy that results in double counting, Renewable Energy Credits ("REC") will be rendered useless to customers like DoD/FEA. If REC integrity is destroyed, this will deprive customers like DoD/FEA of their significant investments in renewable energy in Arizona. Contrary to APS's assertion that destroying Arizona REC integrity would have no negative effects because there is no independent voluntary market for RECs in Arizona, APS itself offers programs that require CRS REC certification, nothing in the Arizona rules precludes a customer from selling its RECs in a voluntary market, the witness from CRS testified that there is, in fact, a voluntary market for RECs in Arizona, and customers like DoD/FEA have their own compliance requirements where RECs must be used. Moreover, while APS points to Hawaii as an example of a state where customer sited renewable energy has continued to grow after the adoption of policies that rendered RECs useless in the voluntary market or for other renewable energy requirements, APS fails to acknowledge that Hawaii utilities still provide incentives, or compensation, in exchange for customers' RECs. Unlike the utilities in Hawaii, Arizona utilities do not propose to continue to provide direct incentives to customers in conjunction with a policy change that would leave Arizona RECs without the ability to be certified.

There is simply no reason why a policy that results in double counting should be adopted, thereby rendering all RECs generated in Arizona useless in a voluntary market

and for DoD/FEA's compliance requirements, when the problem can be avoided through reasonable effort. Several parties have proposed policies that would avoid the double counting problem, including APS, the Residential Utility Consumer Office's ("RUCO") modified baseline proposal, and free market based options like an auction or firm offer. CRS has indicated that careful wording of Staff's proposal could also avoid the problem. For the reasons stated herein and in DoD/FEA's brief, any policy ultimately adopted should maintain the integrity of customers' RECs.

Respectfully submitted

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